

# The Collective

10th Meeting – Friday, 11 August 2017  
@ Level 10, 81 Waymouth Street, Adelaide  
SA 500

No single policy, government department, organisation or program can tackle or solve the increasingly complex social problems we face as a society. We need multiple organisations or entities from different sectors to abandon their own agenda in favour of a common agenda, shared measurement and alignment of effort. We need Collective Impact!

- Collaboration for Impact 2015

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**Attendees:** Cecil Graham, Merle Simpson, Colin Darcy, Craig Wilkins, Helen Macilwain, Carol Muzyk, Anita Nedosyko, Arkellah Irving, Michael Bennington, Michaela Heinson, Andrew Coulson, J Fitzsimons, Kaarina Sarac, Bev O'Brien, Chris Madigan, Jody Gates, Joan Gibbs, Maggie Hine, Matt Size, Janine Kraehenbuehl, Anthony Fox, Carolyn Curtis (Chair)

**DEWNR Backbone:** Arkellah Irving (Lead), Andrew Coulson

**Guests:** none

**Apologies:** Mark Carey, Jeffrey Newchurch, Allan Jones, Chris Daniels, Brenton Gear, Lynette Crocker, Judy Borlase, Chris Gillies, Chris Purnell, Ian Steel, Jason Irving, Lisien Loan, Rob Veitch, Tony Lines, Ly Luan Le, Craig Hughes, Ian Falkenberg, Damian Miley, Greg Ratch, Anne Moroney, Duncan Kennington, Adrian Robb, Murray Townsend (tentative)

### Item 1: Welcomes and Kurna acknowledgment

- Cecil Graham welcomed the group to Kurna country with a traditional welcome
- Arkellah welcomed the group and took the role of Chair temporarily as Carolyn was running late

### Item 2: Taskforce updates

- TF1 – Jody gave the Taskforce 1 update. He spoke about the methods the groups had been exploring regarding measurement of weight gain in birds. The group had been exploring expertise and techniques. Alternatives to looking at weight could include measuring time spent foraging, the food source and numbers of birds.
  - Questions around how to pilot this and which method would be most effective over summer
  - Is there a possible connection with Uni SA students
  - Is there an opportunity to funnel through the Friends of Adelaide International Bird Sanctuary
  - Invertebrate's numbers are already being measured in the Coorong. Look at the system set up, is this easy for regular citizens to learn
  - Invertebrates can be patchy, where they are in tidal flats. Sampling needs to be done constantly
- TF2 – Maggie gave an update on the work of Taskforce 2. Maggie said the group has been focussing on the grants that are available for start-up service especially in tourism and interpreting the landscape.
  - Unis and Kurna opportunities?
  - Looking at the Northern Economic Plan – what's available and the barriers that currently exist
  - Karina from Playford Council gave a really clear overview of the grants available
  - Uni talk about the possible use of apps
  - As part of the Arkellah also gave an update on the Future Tourism Challenge – the prize is \$25,000, with support coming from partners Northern Economic Plan (DSD), the four councils especially the Polaris and Stretton Centres who will offer a prize

- winner business mentorship. The challenge is to launch 28 August and involve DEWNR and DSD Ministers. Open to all in Australia to source idea to drive jobs and tourism in relation to the Bird Sanctuary
  - Hudson Howell contracted to do research on the job potential of the Bird Sanctuary
- TF3 – Bev gave an update on Taskforce 3 which is slowly finding its true focus.
  - Questions around what are the wellbeing activities?
  - Linking with Kurna culture
  - Linking through signage and space
  - A tour of the Bird Sanctuary with the group is taking place on 12 September to see if they can find a ‘wellbeing place’ to promote
  - At the last meeting Catherine from the Bureau of Meteorology (BoM) visited the group and presented their Indigenous Weather Knowledge project which has included mapping the seasons as seen by Kurna. A weather calendar has been developed showing the seasons and what might be available to see and do in those seasons. The weather calendar can be seen here: <http://www.bom.gov.au/iwk/calendars/kurna.shtml>
- TF4 – Andrew gave an update on Taskforce 4. The group meets less often than the other groups due to geographic barriers and most meetings are held on the phone.
  - The last meeting that occurred was between Andrew and Phil Straw. They discussed sister site opportunities especially the ones with Hong Kong and the Northern territory
  - Another opportunity lies with a cultural exchange with a site in Alaska with the Canadian Government and their Flyway. This could see Kurna youth go and stay with indigenous people in Canada’s North West. However after a conversation with reps in Canada of the Flyway and Canada World Youth (an organisation that helps develop exchange opportunities) the cost is likely to be around \$22,000 per person which does raise some barriers. The concept is however strong and more conversations are to be held to look at possible funding and program ideas

### Item 3: AMLR update

- Janine gave the regional update. The region has prepared a response to the Bird Sanctuary document that includes the National Park Management plan. Arkellah has been with the regional staff working through comments
  - A compliance weekend was to be held this weekend and one more in August
  - Police have seen a change in behaviour especially around Port Gawler
  - Crabbing season is open soon and will change focus of compliance measures
- Currently working with FAIBS on clear up days
- Potential asbestos sites have been identified in the National Park and are developing a strategy for removal
- There will be no shorebird festival this year but instead a series of events run in conjunction with the Bird Sanctuary being the park of the month
- Compliance work continues in the national park and the response has been good. People are understanding that a National Park is coming and asking where can they go instead
- Warrick hasn’t been out to certain areas for a while but has recently noticed that fences are still standing and no more 4WD tracks which is great news
- New signs being rolled out in National Park and eventually gateway signs when permissions gained from DPTI. ART Services are installing

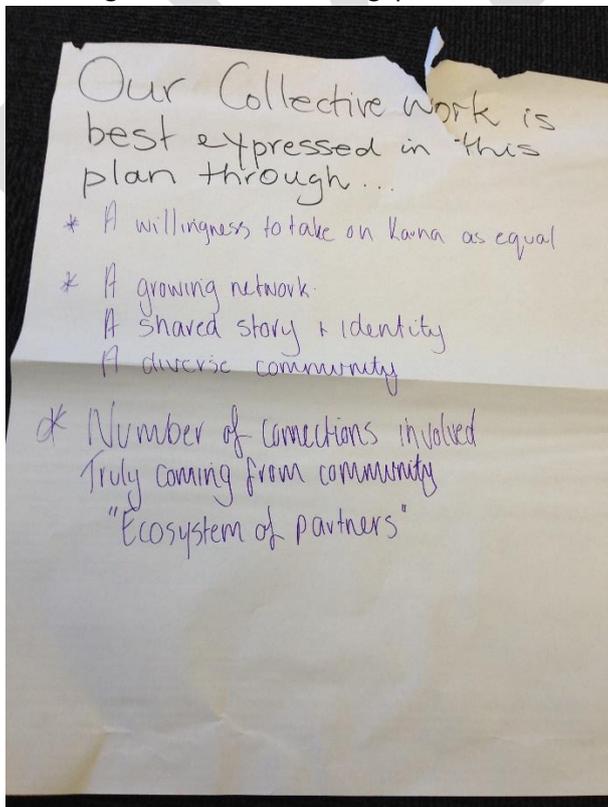
- Tony mentioned the concept of a Shorebird Alliance which is being discussed amongst all regional directors in Natural Resource Management
  - Scoping study on the benefits of a state-wide approach
  - Will be used to promote tourism, business and conservation opportunities of protecting shorebirds

#### Item 4: Community groups Update

- FAIBS update: Joan gave a brief update saying the group has been very active recently with clear up working bees.
- The membership is growing and is a good mix of young and old
- Been offered volunteer work on Bird Island to support the survival of nesting birds
- Will have a Bird ID workshop as part of Nature Play SAs – Nature Play Festival on 7 October

#### Item 5: Management Plan update

- Arkellah has been writing the draft management plan which is now being referred to as the AIBS document as sits in two parts – a review of the Collective work with a vision for the 4 focus areas and a management plan for the national park
- Arkellah spoke about a workshop that was held with Kurna for their overview
- The draft document had been sent out to all in the Collective and Taskforces for comment, those comments are now being considered and implemented
- At the moment still needs work to get the two parts of the document to talk to each other. How do we make this new and emerging work in collaboration stand out? How do we shape it? Need to shape to help these pieces work to answer individual questions
- An activity was held with questions asked of the groups about what they see the plan achieving and what it is missing, pictures of the activity are below:



This plan will be most successful when...

- \* Culturally Vibrant
  - + Providing clear economic benefit for the community.
- \* Healthy Habitat
  - + Birds weight maintained + they continue to use the site (and grow in numbers).
- \* Management plan providing guidance
- \* Politicians talking about it.
- \* Partner agencies referring to the plan for guidance

Allows function but adaptability over time

For me, this plan is missing...

- \* Cultural Opportunity for Vietnamese farmers
  - ↳ Chat to USA + WJ
  - ↳ Alternative use of growing plants
  - ↳ notion of succession planning
- \* Sustainable Goals - impact of locals on tourism
  - ↳ Role of Collective in Overhead - some people.
- \* Relationships between Townships + AIBS.
  - ↳ Adaptive mangrove + a review cycle → role for Collective?
- \* Story behind the artwork!
- \* Voice of Children + Education more broadly.
  - what it means for future generations.

The spirit of our work  
is best seen in this plan ...

Prominence of Kaama People

Spirit is growing and keep growing

Nature is integral to our care for each  
other & habitat/country

Respect for diff groups

Spirit is growing & getting stronger  
⇒ groups & outwards → positive

↳ future - kids - greater generation

Ancient past ...

Visuals ..

personal refs, quotes, connections  
between people who have made  
it happen

This plan will guide  
future government work by

help id strat. align<sup>mt</sup> w gov agencies  
↳ Collective - partnering

activating & mobilising engaged activ

define long term vision - regardless of  
political & communal  
change

inspiring future eng. of youth &  
kaama

## Item 6: Reflection

- Arkellah gave out questions which she asked the group to provide a personal response to. Then after a few minutes talk with people around you about your response

## Item 7: Any other business

- Andrew gave an overview of the 'Fund my Neighbourhood' grant scheme that State Government recently announced. There is a short opportunity of time to put in bids for projects up to \$150,000. Applications can be supported by State and local government but need to come from a resident of the neighbourhood that would benefit. Andrew asked for ideas and whether anyone would like to join a working group to quickly pull some applications together. Tony mentioned that having a trailer of camping equipment maybe very beneficial to Kaurua and community groups such as the Scouts. Sleeping bags, tents that AMLR could manage for camping out in the national park
- Anita gave an update of a Flyway project being run by the Nature Conservancy. Looking at the scientific role of the Bird Sanctuary as a flyway site that could be used to identify sister sites, will include a written action plan for the Bird Sanctuary and its role in the Flyway. A potential link with Taskforce 4 is needed

### **ACTION: Arkellah to connect the dots**

- Arkellah asked the group if anyone needed a new name badge:
  - Carol
  - Helen
  - Uncle Cecil

### **ACTION: New badges to be ordered**

- Next meeting's agenda on 10 October (12:30-2:30pm) to include:
  - Taskforce report updates
  - Management Plan final draft and consultation process
  - Nature Based Tourism Challenge update
- Location – Level 10, 81 Waymouth Street